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COUNTRY:

CHINA

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SUBJECT:

CHINESE COMMUNIST FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTIVE

ON CONDUCT OF DIPLOMATIC CONVERSATIONS AND

INSTRUCTIONS ON REDUCTION OF CLASSIFIED FILES

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ACCORDING TO

WFA INSTRUCTIONS, EMBASSIES ABROAD SHOULD FOLLOW CLOSELY

SPIZONES MADE BY PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI AS THE BASIC GUIDANCE

IN CONDUCTING DIPLOMATIC CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN

<u>OFFICIALS.</u> THE DIRECTIVE INSTRUCTED THE MINUTES OF

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CONVERSATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, AND NEGOTIATIONS; EMBASSY
PERIODICALS; AND MONTHLY, QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTS
SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE MFA AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.
IN ORDER TO RETAIN THE ACCURACY AND CORRECT SHADING OF
CONVERSATIONS, REPORTS SHOULD BE PREPARED JOINTLY
BY THE CHIEF OF MISSION AND RESPONSIBLE INTERPRETER AFTER A
COMPERENCE OR MEETING. THE DIRECTIVE STATED THAT ALL
REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS SENT TO MFA SHOULD FOLLOW THE
EASIC PRINCIPLES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OUTLINED BY CHAIRMAN MAO.

THE MFA DIRECTIVE

EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF CURRENT INTELLIGENCE REPORTING.

THE DIRECTIVE INSTRUCTED THAT BECAUSE OF THE SHARPENING

OF STRUGGLES AROUND THE WORLD AND UNPREDICTABLE CHANGES

IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, IT WAS NECESSARY TO ALERT ALL EMBASSIES OF THE DANGER OF KEEPING UNNECESSARY DOCUMENTS. IT DIRECTED THAT ALL IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS, INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AND FILES SHOULD BE RETURNED TO MFA FOR STORAGE AND SAFEKEEPING IMMEDIATELY. IT WARNED THAT EMBASSIES ABROAD MIGHT NOT HAVE TIME TO BURN ALL DOCUMENTS OR DESTROY IMPORTANT PAPERS IF AN EMERGENCY UNEXPECTEDLY OCCURRED.

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THEREFORE, THE DIRECTIVE INSTRUCTED ALL EMBASSIES TO EXAMINE ALL DOCUMENTS, FILES AND RECORDS IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHAT MATERIAL SMOULD BE BURNED OR DESTROYED AND WHAT FILES AND PAPERS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO MFA. THIS WOULD PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF DOCUMENTS FALLING INTO THE WRONG HANDS DURING A DISASTER.

MFA ALSO REISSUED DIRECTIVE

NG. EIGHT DATED 1964, WHICH DIRECTED ALL EMBASSIES, ALL

DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AND MILITARY OFFICIALS TO PREPARE

CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR AN EMERGENCY AND ALWAYS TO BE READY FOR

THE UNEXPECTED. IN THIS REGARD, DOCUMENTS, FILES AND

AND SECURITY. DOCUMENTS CONTAINING HISTORICAL, NATIONAL

SECURITY AND PARTY SECRETS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY SCREENED

SO THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL CAN DECIDE ON THE

DOCUMENTS TO SEND BACK, BURN OR DESTROT. THE DOCUMENTS

NEPT IN THE EMBASSIES SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO THOSE NEEDED

CM A REGULAR BASIS AND THE FEWER THE BETTER.

4. THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS OF HISTORICAL VALUE
TO BE RETURNED TO MFA INCLUDE: TREATIES, AGREEMENTS,

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SECRET CORRESPONDENCE IN THE NATURE OF GOVERNMENT

BUSINESS, IMPORTANT MEMORANDUMS, SIGNIFICANT NOTES,

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES, DOCUMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

WITH PARTIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND PERSONALITIES. MEMORANDUMS

OF CONVERSATION PREPARED BY ANDASSADORS, COUNSELORS,

CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, CONSULS GENERAL AND OTHER IMPORTANT

COMRADES SHOULD BE CHECKED AND EDITED BY THE EMBASSY

PARTY COMMISSAR WHO IN TURN WILL DECIDE THE TIME LIMIT

FOR KEEPING THESE DOCUMENTS AT THE EMBASSY PREMISES.

ALCZIPTS FOR PAYMENTS AND OTHER IMPORTANT IDENTIFICATIONS

AND CERTIFICATES SHOULD BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY TO MFA FOR SAFE

KEEPING.

EMBASSIES SHOULD NOT KEEP

SUCH DOCUMENTS ON THEIR PREMISES OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD.

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